Territory-wise are attached at Annexure. [see Appendix 173, Annexure No. 128]

National Screening Committee on Text Book

5701. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:
SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the observation made by the National Screening Committee on Text Book in respect of evaluation of History Books for Class Six in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether any anomaly has been found by the Committee in this regard;

(c) if so, whether Government have issued any directive to the State Government; and

(d) the corrective measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government of Andhra Pradesh on these directives?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (KM. SELJA): (a) to (d) The National Steering Committee on School Textbooks Evaluation had, *inter-alia*, observed that the history portion of the Social Studies textbooks brought out by the Government of Andhra Pradesh for class VI needs to be replaced. It also came to the notice of the Committee that syllabus on which the NCERT's textbooks are based has been broadly adopted in Andhra Pradesh. Accordingly, they felt it appropriate for the educational authorities of the State Government to consider the suitability of NCERT's textbooks for adoption/ adaptation.

The report of the Committee along with its recommendations has been sent to the concerned State Government for implementation.

Newspaper Report on UNICEF

5702. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "UNICEF insists on Bihar Project audit" which appeared in the Times of India of 28th September, 1994;

(b) if so, what are the facts and the relevant details in this regards;

(c) what is the total estimated cost of this project and what is the principle of over all cost sharing between the UNICEF, the Government of India and the Bihar Government as per the master plan of operation;

(d) how much of the share money has so far been contributed by the different parties and how these funds have been utilised;

(e) whether any mid-term appraisal of the project has been conducted and if so, what are the necessary details thereof; and

(f) what are the reasons for not agreeing to the UNICEF's demand for conducting project audit and how the matter stands at present?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (KM. SELJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. However, UNICEF has never insisted upon audit of Bihar Education Project.

(c) and (d) The total estimated cost of the Project is Rs. 360 crores shareable in 3:2:1 ratio between UNICEF, Govt. of India and Govt. of Bihar. Till date the contribution of UNICEF is Rs. 31 crores,